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Seiji ONISHI et al. : Mail Stop: ACCOUNTING DIVISION WORK  
Serial No. 10/018,686 : REFUND BRANCH OFFICE  
Filed March 25, 2002 : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1823A  
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Kindly credit the prompt refund of \$1700 to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kara Reade, Accounting Assistant, at (202) 721-8226.

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL  
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The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b)(3).

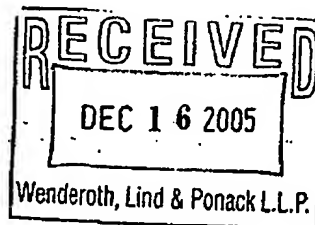
The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

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The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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